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A MONTHLY LOOK AT YOUR COMMUNITY CENTER

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER
BY MARGHE COVINO

We were all really excited by the success of both the Community Awards Dinner and the Lambda Fair. The incredible amount of work done by the Fair Committee and volunteers can never be praised too highly. Those folks worked hard and put on a wonderful Freedom Fair — and next year's is planned to be even bigger and better! The entire weekend of festivities, which includes the Awards Dinner will feature fun and friendship!!!

We were hoping to move on to other, more innovative programs including Safe Sex Outreach to the women's community which would include a safe sex packet with information about other women's health issues like breast and ovarian cancer and the places to go for low cost testing. Imagine our surprise to find out that the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors is making sweeping cuts in the health care budget — which means that we may lose our entire paid staff and outreach programs. Currently, the suggested cuts in AIDS prevention and outreach are nothing short of genocidal - especially to the youth population. The Sacramento AIDS Foundation's budget may be cut by 70 percent!

Children's services, health clinic closures, contract pharmacies and other services to those without health insurance, Medi-Cal and Medi-Care patients are all scheduled.

Dr. Jerome Murphy, UCD specialist in pediatric nephrology and also of our community, spoke to the Supervisors at the last hearing urging them to reconsider the cuts. He said they were being penny wise and pound foolish by letting ailments become so acute before they can be treated will also make them more expensive to treat. A $59 clinic visit will become a $400 visit to the emergency room or an untreated infection could become a $5,000 or $10,000 surgical cost.

The next set of hearings (they're called Bielenson hearings) are scheduled for Monday, August 24, 1992 at 1:30 and will be continued on Tuesday August 25, also at 1:30. It is absolutely *impertive* that as many people from the gay, lesbian and bisexual community be there to speak to the Supervisors and urge them not to make these cuts — not only for our own community but all of the other minority communities. Of course we have to state our case about the havoc and devastation which will occur in the HIV+ and PWA communities with the proposed cuts in diagnosis, prevention and care.

The people with the least money and the least strength to protect themselves are under siege here. The Supervisors have to see a packed room and the HUMAN FACES of the people whose lives they are affecting. We cannot let ourselves be separated from the other community organizations which are being cut - we have to maintain a united front. Legal Services of Northern California is coordinating some of the advocacy, but... *we need bodies in that room.* — we need people to speak from **all** perspectives about the immorality of these cuts. Bloated payrolls and criminal justice budgets are being maintained on the backs of the poor and the sick; someone has to tell the Supervisors that we **know** that!!

Importantly, for the first round of hearings we were **not** notified properly and county staff seemed to be more interested in separating groups, keeping the crowd in the room small and discounting what the speakers had to say. It's important that we stick together, have a **full** to **overflowing**, vociferous crowd out there to save these programs. *Please* — take the two days off if you can — call Lambda Health Educator Craig Spatola or John Rambo for further information at 442-0185.

Thanks for all that you do,
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Volunteer Update ARP

by Craig Spatola

There will be a compulsory volunteer orientation on Wednesday, August 5th at 7:00 PM in the main room here at the Center; refreshments will be provided.

Outreach is expanding to other bars in the downtown area. Mike DeHart has been leading our outreach teams to new successes lately. He will be contacting you shortly to get together for a better understanding of what we are planning for the next year in outreach.

Don't forget that outreach training sessions are on the last Tuesday of every month and that we need women as well as men for our teams if they are going to be successfully co-ed.

The lesbian/bisexual women's outreach is still in the planning stages, and it looks good so far. We are planning on addressing several health issues. If there is something you would like to see addressed, please call me with your ideas.

A Thousand Points of Light Lambda Style

by John Rambo

Did you happen to catch President Bush's speech during the CBS July 4th extravaganza? He attempted to clarify his "thousand points of light" comment from the '86 campaign, saying that he was referring to the growing spirit of volunteerism in this country — it's the American "Can-Do" spirit that's getting things done, and how great that is. Can you say "clue-less"? What do you suppose it would take to have it dawn on our President that the upswing in volunteerism is in direct relationship to the inadequate funding for human services for which his administration bears responsibility. The "Safety net" has now become the "Safety NOT".

I for one hope we can get enough volunteer energy going that it will generate thousands more "points of light" thereby physically blinding Mr. Bush (I say physically because he's been morally blind for years) and forcing him into retirement. Call the Center and volunteer your time today, our future depends on you!

The 1200 Club Needs YOU!

by John Rambo

At the close of this fiscal year on June 30, the 1200 Club had received $10,423 against pledges of $13,261. Contributions for the month of June totaled $423. If you haven't joined the 1200 club or haven't renewed your pledge, please do it now! So far, the 92-93 1200 Club only has 20 members and the total of pledge dollars per month only comes to $322. Unfortunately, this will barely pay for electricity and water. With the State and County governments reducing funding to social programs, your community center needs you now more than ever. Please call to join the club or renew your pledge today.

Ode to "Those Womyn"

(An Affectionate Appreciation)

Dykes for all the World to see,
Dykes without apology:

Dykes in heels, Dykes in flats,
Dykes in perky little hats.
Dykes with tattoos, Dykes with pearls,
Dykes dressed up like little girls.

Dykes in Ballgowns (minus furs)
Dykes in T-shirts labeled "HERS".
Dykes in leather, Dykes in laces,
Dykes with lipstick on their faces.

Dykes on Harleys, butch and festive,
Dykes on darling little Vespas.
Dykes in side-cars, Dykes on scooters,
Dykes who from waist up are nuders!

A cool Dyke rainbow, if you please,
(even Boy-Dyke wanna-be's...)
Oh, hail our Sisters, full of grace,
On Freedom Day they take first place,

To lead our forces, with a roar,
Those Lesbians we so adore.
Can you imagine, our Parade
without them? I can't, I'm afraid.

How wonderful it is to see,
This sample of diversity,
That so encapsulates our tribe,
We show 'em off with lots of Pride!

It's quite a treat, when they pass by;
My heart swells and I always cry.
Hey — closets are no place to be,
And this they prove for all to see.

Pride equals power, as we do know.
Yea! Dykes on Bikes! Oh, go Queers GO!

TV Update

by Will Bennett

Many of you have called KVIE to request an encore showing of Lost Language of the Cranes. It has been repeated once and they're saving the additional encore for a later date. You may find it interesting that the show was of great value to some people that were in the process of "coming out" at the time.

With the international conference on AIDS in Amsterdam just ending, you'll want to watch "Health Quarterly" for the latest developments.

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